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P1. Resource Name: Albert C. Wilke Home

***P2. Location:** *a. County: Fresno

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad: Fresno North, parcel located in Section 29, R20E/T13S

c. Address: 532 E. Terrace Avenue, Fresno

d. Assessor's Parcel Number: 443-314-04

***P3a. Description:** This residence reflects the earliest development of the Prairie style, the Prairie Box. Thus it is a full two stories, stucco clad with a low pitched hipped roof, symmetrical façade with a one story wing on the east elevation. The home faces north onto E. Terrace and is raised on a plinth that serves as a verandah. The roof has overhanging eaves which are not boxed and have exposed rafter tails. The solid wood front door is centrally located and is protected from the elements by both a canvas awning as well as a cement planter box which cantilevers out from the second floor. The ribbon windows on each side of the door are matching and are tripartite in scheme. Each has a fixed central pane with a transom above and side windows of 1/1 lights. A character defining feature of this property is the treatment of the windows, all original wood and with articulated multiple lights on the upper sash. The one story addition on the east elevation has a flat roof and is set back from the façade plane. A one story *porte cochere* on the west elevation is supported by stout piers and has a deck with solid balustrade on the flat roof. A secondary entrance at this location is a double French glass and wood door which is flanked by casement windows that replicate the same pattern found on the double hung sash windows throughout the home. A two car garage is located on the southwest corner of the parcel. An exterior chimney is located on the west elevation.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2 (Single-family residence), HP4 (Ancillary Building/Garage)

***P4. Resources Present:** ●Building

●Element of (Proposed Terrace Gardens) District

P5b Photo date: 13 July 2016



***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:** 1923, Building permit #4332

***P7. Owner and Address:**
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***P8. Recorded by:**
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***P9. Date Recorded:** 13 July 2016

***P10. Survey Type:** Intensive

***P11. Report Citation:** "Evaluation of the A.C. Wilke Home 532 E. Terrace Avenue, Fresno for the Local Register of Historic Resources."

***Attachments:** ●Building, Structure and Object Report

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*NRHP Status Code: 5S2

*Resource Name: Albert C. Wilke Home

B3. Original Use: Single-family residence

B4. Present Use: Single-family residence

*B5. **Architectural Style:** Prairie Box

*B6. **Construction History:** A building permit was issued in 1923. An addition was permitted in the 1930s (building permit is quite faint).

*B7. **Moved?** ☒ No

*B8. **Related Features:** The home is one of many substantial homes within the proposed Terrace Gardens Historic District (Tower District Specific Plan, 1991).

B9a. Architect: Unknown

B9b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. **Significance: Theme:** Fresno's Expansion North

Area: St. Francis Wood Tract

Period of Significance: 1923

Property Type: Prairie Box, Residential

Applicable Criteria: i, iii

This Prairie Home is located on a .23 acre parcel on one of the most architecturally impressive blocks in the St. Francis Wood tract, a subdivision filed in the County 15 January 1916 and annexed to the City in 1918. A permit for the home was issued in 1923 but the house was vacant until 1926 when it was the residence of Albert C. and Isabell Wilke who lived there until 1932. Wilke was a Department Manager for Radin and Kamp Department Store. The family only rented the home from which they moved in 1932. By 1936 C.A Peter Jr. was listed as the owner on a City building permit. An addition was permitted in the mid-1930s, perhaps for the one story room on the east elevation. The property has high integrity to its period of significance with all original, beautifully articulated wood windows and French doors. It is a contributor to the Terrace Gardens Historic District as proposed in the *Tower District Specific Plan* of 1991. The home appears to be individually eligible to the Local Register of Historic Resources as an excellent example of a property type, the Prairie Box, which was constructed in Fresno in the early 20th century (Criterion iii) and is as well a contributor to the proposed Terrace Gardens Historic District (Criterion i).

*B12. **References:** Building permits on file with the City of Fresno; 1948 and 1963 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map; Polk Directories for 1925-1927; Tract map for St. Francis Wood (filed 15 January 1916); Tower District Specific Plan 1991; McAlester, Virginia and Lee, *A Field Guide to American Houses* 2002.

*B14. **Evaluator:** Karana Hattersley-Drayton, M.A.
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*Date of Evaluation: 15 July 2016

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